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UNB Senate accepts housing proposal

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A proposal to construct apartments for married students was accepted by the UNB Senate Tuesday night.

The report, prepared by the Housing Committee of the Academic and Campus Planning Committee, was accepted by the Senate with the exception of two recommendations concerning finances. These items were withheld pending receipt of information on financial matters not readily available to the members of the committee. They are expected to be ready for presentation to Senate at its October meeting.

The paper dealt with the philosophy of the approach the university should take in providing student housing. The recommendations were drawn from the results of the Housing Committee's survey conducted last year.

A number of these apartment blocks or "neighbourhoods" are envisaged for the upper campus above Montgomery Street. Accommodation for single students would follow at a later date.

Prof. Harry Sharp moved that the term "married students" be deleted in favour of "university couples." The

motion was not brought to a vote when others he put forward at the same time were withdrawn.

Prof. Neil MacGill expressed the hope that the "academic and educational aims of the university" be kept in mind when planning any new student housing areas on campus.

The Chairman of the Housing Committee, Prof. Steve Patterson, reminded him that the premises and proposals in the report were based on the expressed needs of the students as determined in the housing survey. Further questioning from other quarters disclosed that input from students in

residence, from downtown apartment owners, and Mrs. C.R. Spicer of the Accommodations Office, among others, was considered before the report was finalized.

In other business, some Senators expressed concern over recent decisions of the Higher Education Commission. Changes in the grants structure may mean that some budgetary problems will ensue should enrollments not come up to forecasts. It was decided to ask the Board of Governors to express the concern of the Senate to the HEC in this matter and to seek support as

well from the Associated Alumni.

A proposal for a PhD program in Civil Engineering was presented by the Dean of Graduate Studies. It was passed to the Academic and Campus Planning Committee for consideration by its Academic Resources and Policy sub-committee.

An interim report on the committee examining the integration of TC with UNB was presented. Few details were made available but it is expected that merger will be announced for next summer.

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Government announces more bursary money

The provincial government has announced that more money will now be made available for student bursaries in New Brunswick this year. Youth Minister Brenda Robertson said last Friday that \$1.4 million was being added to the bursary program, more than doubling the present total allocation.

The government decided this spring to cut down the

bursary program by more than \$1 million, but after pressure during the summer from the New Brunswick Union of Students, the program was changed.

The revised formula means that students will now be eligible for a maximum \$700 bursary after an approved loan of \$1,100. An additional \$300 loan is available when required for a total of \$2,100. The formula approved by the government earlier this year required students to borrow the maximum \$1,400 before they were eligible for bursaries.

"The program has been under continuing review since the earlier formula was established", Mrs. Robertson said. "We have examined student aid programs in other provinces. We have heard proposals from students and students representatives. And we have discussed the program with federal officials."

"Despite the Province's limited resources and the federal restrictions imposed on the program, I am confident that we have provided the best possible level of assistance for our post-secondary students," Mrs. Robertson said.

Letters have been sent to students who have applied for assistance explaining the objectives of the federal-provincial program and the limitations placed on the provinces.

"Any province participating in the Canada Student Loans program can choose to be more rigorous in applying the needs test than that provided in the agreement," the letter explained. "However, no province may choose to be more lenient in applying the established needs test. The Government of New Brunswick made a

change this year and adopted all the minimum standards of the needs test."

Students whose applications have been received needn't re-apply. The student aid department will review the applications, making the necessary adjustments and informing students of changes before the beginning of the second academic term.

"The Canada Student Loan system should place every student in Canada in an equal position, but the diversity of the provincial bursary programs Bursary policy.

Mrs. Robertson said that negotiations were continuing with the other provinces in support of a standard national Canada Student Loans and

now makes this impossible," she added.

The new program will not affect any upcoming appeals, according to Rod Mills, the Director of Student Aid. He said Wednesday that appeals will be dealt with at the usual time - about mid-October - and that extra staff has been hired to reallocate the loans and bursaries already processed.

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Freshettes enjoying their annual Residence initiation Wednesday.

Photo by Bob Boyes

'Name' group in October?

Although the Students Representative Council authorized a rather large expenditure for a big name band for orientation - more than \$7,000 in all - no big name group appeared last week.

SRC President Roy Neale, who was here most of the summer and who was involved in the search for a group, explained to council Monday night.

"Through four main representatives," he said, "we investigated the possibilities of bringing a group, into Fredericton at the peak time for entertainment in North America."

After extending offers to the limit of \$8,000, the executive came up with the following groups and gave them serious consideration: The Grass Roots, Delaney Bonnie and Friends, Neil Diamond,

the Allman Brothers, and Shanna-na.

All the groups were either too expensive or unavailable when we needed them, said Neale.

Because the 'big name group' didn't make it to orientation, Neale speculated it might very well be included in the proposed fall festival, tentatively scheduled to take place some time in October.